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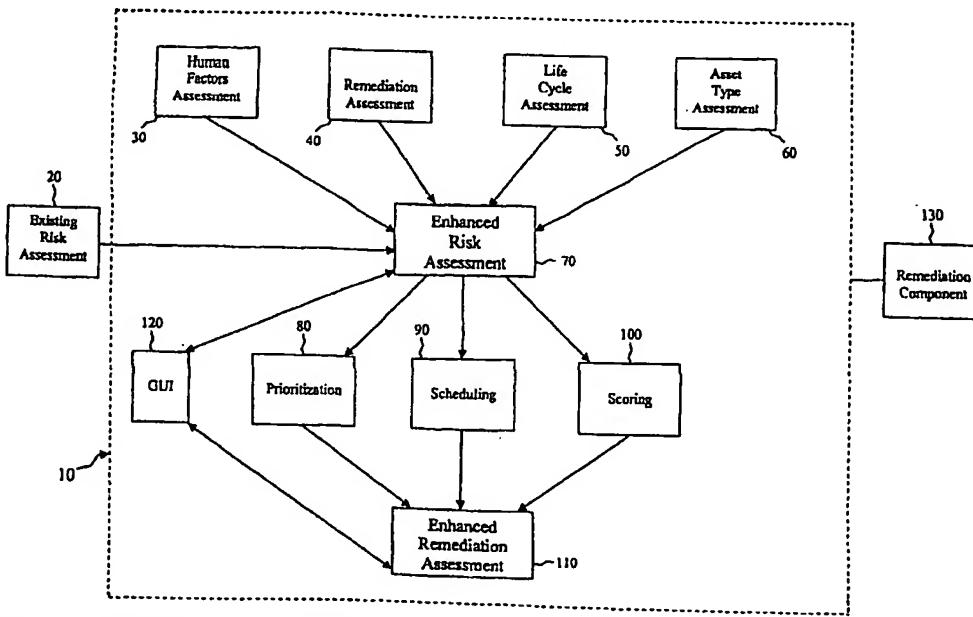
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(54) Title: SECURITY RISK ANALYSIS SYSTEM AND METHOD



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(57) Abstract: A system and method for assessing risks to a computer network is provided. The system includes a first module assessing a human factor related to a risk to the computer network (30). A second module assesses a remediation to the computer network (40), and a third module is operable to assess a life cycle of an asset on the computer network (50). A fourth module assesses a type of the asset used by the computer network (60).



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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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1. Claim Nos.:
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BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be examined, the appropriate additional examination fees must be paid.

Group 1, claim(s) 1-16 and 28-45, drawn to dealing with vulnerability assessment, classified in class 726, subclass 25..

Group 2, claim(s) 17-27, drawn to authentication by a digital signature, classified in class 713, subclass 176..